

tent found at the end of an hour being 0.0057 per cent. The blood alcohol, after drinking two bottles of German beer, with a liberal carbohydrate diet, was less than the blood alcohol on the diet alone. The cause of this inhibitory influence of the dietary was not ascertained, but some interference with the absorption of the alcohol of the ingested liquor is suggested. A curious feature is that the blood alcohol of carbohydrate dietary alone was decreased when alcohol was taken with the diet, as though the presence of alcohol in the alimentary tract prevented or inhibited the process originating dietary alcohol. From this it is suggested that the blood alcohol of dietary has a fermentative origin in the alimentary tract which leads up to a further suggestion, namely, that blood alcohol might serve as a useful criterion of intestinal fermentation and putrefaction, instead of the blood phenol frequently employed.

The fermentation theory of blood alcohol is not new, but neither the theory nor the entire question of blood alcohol have received the attention that they appear to merit. The work of Kühn does not quite agree with the results of the older investigators, but it has the merit of having been done with accuracy and of calling attention again to a matter that deserves more than passing notice.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL SCHOOL OPENS GRADUATE SUMMER COURSES

Announcements have been sent out that the University of California Medical School and the University of California Hospital will give summer courses to graduates in medicine, surgery, and medical specialties between dates of June 15 and July 11. Doctor Eugene Kilgore is director of the courses.

PRACTICAL THERAPEUTICS AND THE ART OF MEDICINE

Abstracts from Alumni Lectures, University of California Medical School, 1924

Dr. Dewey R. Powell—I would rather do \$100 worth of work for \$25 and know the person will be able to pay without depriving his family of the necessities of life, thereby gaining a friend, then charge \$75 or \$100 and have it pain in small dribbling amounts and leaving the impression of being overcharged.

Dr. James Sewell—You will be called on to take an active part in politics in the community in which you reside. You should regard it as your duty. If we are to have a free country, if we are to have a country we can love and respect, we must all take part in its government. You don't need to be too active nor too partisan, but pay enough attention to what is going on, so if patients ask for advice—as they do—you can tell them what to do.

Dr. J. Wilson Shiels—The "old doctor" should not pass. As a matter of fact, the young, well-educated medical man can, in reverence, emulate him.

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YOSEMITE AND THE ANNUAL SESSION, MAY 18-21, 1925

Spring comes early to Yosemite National Park. Already the meadows are turning green and soon they will be filled with all kinds of blossoms which have given Yosemite the sobriquet of "The Park of a Thousand Flowers." There will be Mariposa lilies, snowplants, evening primroses, and scores of less famous flowers, blooming in the emerald meadows or in the rich forest mold underneath the giant trees.

However, this article is not to be an adjective-laden description of Yosemite's natural charms, of which everybody knows, but a precise statement of what kind of weather may be expected by the members of the California Medical Association during the annual convention May 18 to 21. Of course, it is impossible to predict, but official government records of weather conditions over a long period of years certainly will be indicative of possibilities.

"One often reads praises and generalities about Yosemite climate and weather," says Park Naturalist Ansel F. Hall, in his most excellent book, "Handbook of Yosemite National Park," "but, so far as the writer knows, no concise statement as to exactly what might be expected at any given time of year has ever been published.

Recent reports from the Valley Incomparable indicate an early spring, and May should be unusually beautiful. Heavy snows during the winter will make the falls run in large volume and the plant life extremely luxuriant. The Wawona Road will probably be passable in April this year, so that those professional men who desire to drive to Yosemite in their own automobiles should find the road in good condition the middle of May. The majority of the visitors doubtless will go the easier and more beautiful route by train via Merced to El Portal through the canyon of the Merced River and the old gold diggings, and by Yosemite Transportation System automobiles, fifteen miles over the government boulevard from El Portal to Yosemite Valley, still paralleling the Merced River and passing through the famous "Gates of Yosemite," where El Capitan stands on one side, Three Graces and Bridal Veil Falls on the other, with a wonderful vista in the distance.

The road from Yosemite Valley to the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees also will be open during the convention, affording delegates and their families the opportunity to see what experts say is the finest of all groups of sequoia gigantea. The Yosemite Transportation System will operate daily motor-car trips during the convention from Yosemite Valley to the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees by way of Artist and Inspiration Points. Another interesting trip operated daily is the tour of Yosemite Valley.

**ANNUAL SESSION C. M. A., YOSEMITE,
MAY 18, 19, 20, 21, 1925**

The Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting of the California Medical Association promises to be well attended, 400 reservations having already been made.

Due to the most efficient co-operation of section secretaries, the completed program appears in this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. The program holds much of interest for the membership, and should secure a good attendance at section meetings, despite the counter-attractions of beauty and grandeur in our wonderful Yosemite Valley.

The March issue should be referred to for any information concerning hotel rates and train schedules.

**DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
TO A. M. A.**

California delegates to the A. M. A., with their corresponding alternates, are:

Victor G. Vecki, San Francisco, 1925; alternate, C. Van Zwalenburg, Riverside, 1925.

Hans Lisser, San Francisco, 1925; alternate, William E. Stevens, San Francisco, 1925.

Albert Soiland, Los Angeles, 1925 and 1926; alternate, Charles D. Lockwood, Pasadena, 1925 and 1926.

Robert V. Day, Los Angeles, 1925 and 1926; alternate, Robert Pollock, San Diego, 1925 and 1926.

Lemuel P. Adams, Oakland, 1925 and 1926; alternate, O. D. Hamlin, Oakland, 1925 and 1926.

For full details, see minutes of 150th meeting of the Council, as published on this page.

**ABSTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CALIFORNIA
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**

Held in the offices of the editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, 806 Balboa Building, San Francisco, California, Saturday, February 14, 1925, at 10 a. m.

Present—Doctors Parkinson, MacGowan, Ewer, Alderson, Musgrave, Kinney, Kiger, Edwards, De Lappe, McArthur, Gibbons, Hamlin, and Pope.

Absent—Doctors Beattie, Coffey, Smith, McLeod, Bine, Kress, Curtiss, and General Counsel Peart.

The secretary reported that Rene Bine and General Counsel Peart were both unable to attend because of illness. G. H. Kress of Los Angeles and C. L. Curtiss of Redlands were also unable to attend because of illness. Letter from J. H. McLeod of Santa Rosa was then read, in which he conveyed his regrets that he would be unable to attend any but the evening session.

Minutes of the Council—On motion of Kiger, seconded by McArthur, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the 148th and 149th meetings of the Council as mailed to each member thereof be approved.

Minutes of the Executive Committee—The secretary read the minutes of the 79th and 80th meetings of the Executive Committee.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kiger, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the 79th and 80th meetings of the Executive Committee be approved and made an official part of the minutes of this Council.

Resignation of T. C. Edwards as Delegate to A. M. A.—T. C. Edwards of Salinas presented his resignation as a delegate to the A. M. A.

Action by the Council—On motion duly made, the resignation of T. C. Edwards of Salinas as a delegate to the A. M. A. was accepted.

Delegates to A. M. A.—The secretary reported that, by reason of the increase in membership, the C. M. A.

was now entitled to five delegates and five alternates to the A. M. A., and also stated that it would be impossible for the California House of Delegates to elect the necessary delegates and alternates at its annual meeting on May 20 and comply with the requirements of the A. M. A. That it would, therefore, be necessary for the Council to take some action in the matter prior to the annual meeting, in order to secure the proper certification of delegates at the A. M. A. convention; such action to be later confirmed by the California House of Delegates. The following are those delegates with corresponding alternates, whose terms expire: Albert Soiland, Los Angeles; alternate, Robert V. Day, Los Angeles. John C. Yates, San Diego; alternate, Charles D. Lockwood, Pasadena.

Action by the Council—On motion of McArthur, seconded by Kiger, it was

RESOLVED, That Albert Soiland and Robert V. Day, both of Los Angeles, be elected as delegates to the A. M. A. for the ensuing two years.

Alternates to A. M. A.—On motion of Kiger, seconded by McArthur, it was

RESOLVED, That Charles D. Lockwood of Pasadena be elected as alternate to Albert Soiland of Los Angeles for the ensuing two years; and that Robert Pollock of San Diego be elected as alternate to Robert V. Day of Los Angeles for the ensuing two years.

Delegate to Replace T. C. Edwards, Resigned—On motion of Alderson, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That Hans Lisser of San Francisco be elected delegate to the A. M. A. to fill the unexpired term of T. C. Edwards of Salinas, resigned; William E. Stevens of San Francisco remaining as alternate to Doctor Lisser.

Fifth Delegate to A. M. A. Under 1924 Apportionment—The election of a fifth delegate and corresponding alternate as apportioned by the A. M. A. for the 1925 session and thereafter was brought up. The question was then raised as to whether such representatives should be elected from the North or the South, to conform with the usual custom of giving equal representation to the North and the South.

The Chair suggested that it be decided by lot from what district the fifth delegate should be elected for the 1925 and 1926 sessions. The decision fell to the North; and it was the sense of the Council that, at the expiration of such term the fifth delegate would be elected from the South and, thereafter, alternate each second year between the North and the South. The election of the fifth delegate and alternate was postponed till the afternoon session.

Election of Trustee of Indemnity Defense Fund—The secretary advised the Council that the term of William Duffield of Los Angeles as a trustee of the Indemnity Defense Fund had expired January 1, 1925.

Action by the Council—On motion of MacGowan, seconded by Alderson, it was

RESOLVED, That William Duffield of Los Angeles be elected to succeed himself for the ensuing three years as a trustee of the Indemnity Defense Fund.

Medical Radio Broadcasting—The secretary read a report from the Committee on Medical Radio Broadcasting as submitted by the chairman, George H. Kress of Los Angeles. This report and the question in general was then fully discussed.

Action by the Council—On motion of Ewer, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Medical Radio Broadcasting be adopted as submitted, and that action be taken as outlined therein.

Membership Directory—The Chair raised the question of including in the membership directory the home address, as well as the office address, and both telephone numbers of all members; and recommended that such additions be made to the next directory.

Action by the Council—On motion of McArthur, seconded by De Lappe, it was

RESOLVED, That the home address, office address, and both telephone numbers of all members be included in the next issue of the membership directory.

Income Tax Deductions—The president submitted the following amendment to the Revenue Act as prepared by the general counsel, in accordance with instructions re-

ceived at the last Council meeting. (Words in italic type comprise the proposed amendment.)

"Sec. 214 (a). In computing net income, there shall be allowed as deductions: (1) All the ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade, business, or profession, including a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered; traveling expenses (including the entire amount expended for meals and lodging) while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or business, or profession, or in attending professional conventions of the profession of which the taxpayer is a member."

The president then stated that the best way would be to have some member of the House of Representatives present this amendment and have the united medical profession of the country support it.

Action by the Council—On motion of De Lappe, seconded by McArthur, it was

RESOLVED, That the amendment to the Revenue Act as proposed by the general counsel be adopted; and that the secretary be instructed to take the necessary steps to have the amendment passed, and to place the matter before the various state medical, bar, and other professional associations of the Union.

Legislative Procedures—The secretary read, for the information of the Council, a report submitted by the general counsel regarding legislative procedures. No action was taken.

Application for Affiliate Membership—The secretary presented an application from Doctor J. S. Wheeler of Lincoln for affiliate membership, together with endorsement of such application by the secretary of the Placer County Medical Society.

Action by the Council—On motion of Alderson, seconded by Ewer, Doctor J. S. Wheeler of Lincoln was elected an affiliate member of the California Medical Association.

Status of Associate Members of County Medical Societies—The secretary read a letter from Councilor Kinney, covering the situation now existing in San Diego County and calling attention to discrepancies in the state constitution and by-laws regarding associate membership. The secretary then reported that the general counsel suggested that the Council temporarily take care of the situation and that he would prepare an amendment to the constitution for presentation at the annual meeting.

After full discussion, it was the sense of the Council that no action be taken in the absence of a report from the general counsel, and that the matter be postponed till the annual meeting.

History of the California Medical Association—Suggestion of Councilor Kress of Los Angeles that the Council appoint a "Committee on the Preservation of the History of the California Medical Association" was considered. The Council was informed that there were several medical historical societies now in existence in California.

Action by the Council—On motion of McArthur, seconded by Kiger, it was

RESOLVED, That the chairman, if deemed wise after a thorough investigation, be authorized to appoint a committee of three or five on the "Preservation of the History of the California Medical Association"; and further that the chairman be included in the membership of such committee.

Financial Statements—Detailed statements of the finances of the California Medical Association and California and Western Medicine were presented for discussion, in accordance with instructions given at the last Council meeting; copies of such statements having been mailed to all members of the Council.

After general discussion, it was the sense of the Council that financial statements be included in the report of the Council to the House of Delegates and, at the same time, that the association be advised that every fraternal publication must be credited with one-half the subscription price of such publication for every member of the association.

Present Status of the Journal—The editor reported that in 1924 the Journal had published 1536 pages, 864,000 words of reading matter, exclusive of advertising; 117 original articles, and had rejected 19 manuscripts. He also advised that on February 14, 1925, 127 accepted but unpublished manuscripts were on hand, which did not include the material for the Historical (May) number; and that this is more than a year's supply of articles. He then requested recommendations or suggestions as to how this congestion was to be relieved; whether by adding another folio and thereby increasing materially the cost of the Journal, or by being more critical in accepting manuscripts. After a full and general discussion, the editor submitted the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, The increasing prominence of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is resulting in a marked increase in the number of articles offered for publication, thus amplifying the editor's responsibilities in deciding what to accept and what to decline, now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That the editor is authorized and instructed to arrange with such members of the California Medical Association as he sees fit to serve as members of an editorial council. It shall be the duty of these editorial councilors to advise with and assist the editor with his problem of accepting and declining matter submitted for publication. Following the usual custom of periodicals, the names of members serving on this council will be kept confidential between the editor and each member."

Action by the Council—On motion of Edwards, seconded by McArthur, it was

RESOLVED, That the resolution as submitted by the editor be adopted as the sense of the Council; and that the question of relieving the congestion in the publication material for CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE be further considered and made a part of the report of this Council to the House of Delegates, together with the financial report for 1924 and the outlook for 1925.

Subscription Price of Journal—The editor recommended that the paid subscription price of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE be increased to \$5 per year and 50 cents per single copy, as the actual cost of publishing the Journal is more than the present subscription price, which is \$4 per year.

Action by the Council—On motion of MacGowan, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That, commencing with the March issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, the paid subscription price be fixed at \$5 per year and 50 cents per single copy.

Publication Cost of Journal—The secretary presented a report from the James H. Barry Company covering the present publication cost of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, as requested by the Executive Committee at its last meeting.

Action by the Council—On motion of Edwards, seconded by McArthur, it was

RESOLVED, That the Council, having heard the report of the James H. Barry Company on the present publication cost of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, recommends that commencing with the March issue, the cost to the Journal be based on the following monthly rates: Five thousand copies, 128 pages and cover, \$1,600; additional 100 copies, \$26.25; this being an increase of approximately 5 per cent over the present cost.

Commissions on Journal Subscriptions—The question of paying commissions on Journal subscriptions, as referred to the Council by the Executive Committee, was considered.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kiger, seconded by De Lappe, it was

RESOLVED, That, upon recommendation of the editor, the payment of commissions on subscriptions to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE be not approved.

Legislative Matters—Mr. Celestine J. Sullivan, executive secretary of the League for the Conservation of Pub-

lic Health, being present by request, submitted a digest of the medico-legal bills now before the Legislature, which were then fully discussed.

Action by the Council—On motion of McArthur, seconded by Kiger, it was

RESOLVED, That the Council, having heard the report of the League for the Conservation of Public Health on proposed legislation touching public health and public welfare, believes that such measures should have wide publicity to elicit comment and suggestions from those interested.

Election of Fifth Delegate to A. M. A.—On motion of Kiger, seconded by Alderson, it was

RESOLVED, That Lemuel P. Adams of Oakland be elected as the fifth delegate from the California Medical Association to the American Medical Association for the ensuing two years.

Election of Fifth Alternate to A. M. A.—On motion of Kiger, seconded by Alderson, it was

RESOLVED, That O. D. Hamlin of Oakland be elected as alternate to Doctor Lemuel P. Adams for the ensuing two years.

Clinical Prize—The Chair reported that he desired to confer with Councilors Bine and Kress, both of whom were absent, before appointing the "Committee on Clinical Prizes," and, therefore, requested further time, stating that the matter would be included in the annual report of the Council, and in that manner would go before the association as a whole.

It was the sense of the Council that the matter be referred over to the next meeting.

Medical Section of Officers' Reserve Corps—The Chair reported that he had succeeded in securing from the Surgeon-General's office a list of the Reserve Officers in California, and that it was the Surgeon-General's desire that members of this committee be composed of members of the Reserve Corps and those who would be most influential in securing members for the corps.

After discussion, it was the sense of the Council that a statewide committee of fifteen be appointed to function separately from the California Medical Association, but that the personnel of such committee be limited to members of the association only; and that further time be extended the Chair in the matter of appointment of such committee.

Attendance at Council Meetings—The question of attendance at Council meetings was considered, and the secretary was instructed to ascertain if there was any ruling or section in the old records or constitutions prior to 1900 that covered this point.

Sciences Allied to Medicine—The secretary reported that, in accordance with instructions received at the last Council meeting, she had endeavored to secure a ruling from the A. M. A. as to "what constitutes sciences allied to medicine"; and that the secretary of the A. M. A. had just wired that the Judicial Council was still considering the question and that it would probably be some time before a decision was reached. Pending receipt of a report from the A. M. A., no action was taken.

Status of Legal Department—The secretary presented, for the information of the Council, a brief report prepared by the general counsel on the present status of the legal department.

Expression of Regret—The secretary was instructed to convey to the General Counsel and those members, whose illness prevented attendance, the sincere regrets of the Council at their enforced absence from this meeting.

Report of Committee on Prenatal Care—The secretary presented the report of the Committee on Prenatal Care as submitted by the chairman, Reginald Knight Smith.

It was the sense of the Council that the secretary be instructed to furnish mimeographed copies of this report to each member of the Council, as the length and importance of this report demanded more detailed considera-

tion; and that each Councilor be requested to return his signed copy with suggested changes or approval.

Adjournment—There being no further business, the Council adjourned to hold an open meeting with the Committee on Industrial Medical Practice.

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Alameda County Medical Society (reported by Pauline S. Nusbaumer, secretary)—At the regular meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association held February 16, the following program, arranged by George Rothganger, was presented by the staff of Merritt Hospital:

A case report of diabetes complicated by gout was given by Hobart Rogers and A. H. Rowe, and was followed by a symposium on the treatment of fractures of the extremities. "The Closed Treatment," by Sumner Everingham; discussion opened by H. H. Hitchcock. "Treatment by Open Operation," by Mark L. Emerson; discussion opened by F. J. Carlson. "Treatment of Complications," by Warren B. Allen; discussion opened by D. N. Richards. "Treatment of Non-union," by George Rothganger; discussion opened by W. L. Bell. In his paper, "Closed Treatment of Fractures," Sumner Everingham said that careful early treatment of fractures is essential to give best results anatomically and functionally; that of prime importance is an x-ray to (1) demonstrate the presence of a fracture, (2) the variety and position of the fragments, (3) a co-existing dislocation, and (4) the presence of gas gangrene; that the essentials for successful treatment of long bones are (1) to replace the broken ends at the earliest possible moment, (2) proper retention until nature has provided for adequate healing in restoring the continuity, (3) adequate supervision of the nutrition and function of the soft parts by massage, electricity, passive and active motion. In discussing "The Open Treatment of Fracture," M. L. Emerson said that less than 2 per cent of fractures are subject to open treatment. Wire of some type is still pre-eminent as a means of fixation. In regard to the discussion of which is the better in non-union—internal medullary beef bone splint, external periosteum osteal sliding graft, or wire. He suggests the use of all three. Perhaps one of them will give the desired results. He advises against putting one's faith in any one method. The doctor has discarded the use of kangaroo tendons in any type of bone work. In the treatment of fracture complications, Warren B. Allen calls special attention to injured parts following fracture to prevent thrombosis and embolism. He thinks that symptoms of fat embolism are frequently overlooked. The writer claims that the diagnosis of fat embolism is facilitated by finding fat globules in the urine. The doctor also states that nerve injuries frequently are not discovered until the splints have been removed weeks later, and he gives hemorrhage into joints as a cause for ischemic paralysis. In his paper George Rothganger stated non-union should be distinguished from delayed union, which follows so frequently upon crushing and automobile fractures. Failure of union in the great majority of cases is due to malposition, occurring rarely with good contact of fragments. In such cases of malposition excision of the overlapping ends and correction of the displacement is satisfactory. In those with loss of substance and in the rare cases of non-union with good approximation, some type of transplant must be used, the writer giving the special type for each long bone.

As is the custom after the close of the program, refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed.

The annual banquet of the association was celebrated on Wednesday evening, February 18. Some 150 of the members attended. Spring flowers in profusion formed the decorations upon all of the twenty odd tables.

The speakers' long table at the head of the room was occupied by the speakers and the officers of the association and O. D. Hamlin and S. H. Buteau, two of the deans of the medical profession of Alameda County. The president gave a brief address of welcome, and vocal music was dispensed throughout the evening.

One of the interesting pleasantries was an address by E. N. Ewer on many original topics of the day regarding the profession and the public, which was not only interesting and pleasing, but subtle in the extreme. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Franklin H. Kean. His

subject was "The Physician as the Man." Mr. Kean held his audience enchanted from the opening to the closing of his address.

Judged by the expressions of enjoyment by the guests, the evening was very worth while, and the president, H. B. Mehrmann, has every reason to be proud.

At the regular meeting of the Merritt Hospital Council held February 2, Charles L. McVey president, the program was divided into three main sections: 1. Hospital betterment under which any member is invited to offer suggestions or participate in discussions. 2. The paper of the evening, "Liver Abscess," by W. E. Mitchell. 3. Case and autopsy reports, mistakes in diagnosis, new therapy or technique, etc., any number invited to take part.

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa County Medical Society (reported by L. St. John Hely, secretary)—The regular monthly meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society was held at the Women's Clubrooms at Walnut Creek, Saturday, February 28, under the direction of J. Emmett Clark. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 p. m. by the president, Dr. Denninger-Keser. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Discussions were entered into and a motion made and carried that each program chairman would have three months' notice to prepare for the meeting, to get speakers, place of meeting, etc. This was adopted as a permanent ruling. A committee of three was appointed, two members to hold office for the year, and for the third, the special program chairman appointed for the one meeting. J. Emmett Clark was appointed as the permanent member for the year 1925. The secretary will always be the other, as he will be in a position to handle all the correspondence.

The next meeting will be held at Martinez.

The speaker of the evening was George Warren Pierce of San Francisco. His subject was "Care of the Injured Hand." He illustrated his lecture with lantern slides, and handled the subject in a masterly style. We were very fortunate in securing him, as he is master of the subject. The following members were present: George McKenzie, J. Emmett Clark, E. C. Love, E. Merrithew, John Beard, Rosa A. Powell, H. L. Carpenter, Denninger-Keser, L. St. John Hely, C. R. Leech.

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FRESNO COUNTY

Fresno County Medical Society (reported by T. Floyd Bell, secretary)—A meeting of the board of governors of the Fresno County Medical Society was held March 2, 1925, in Dr. Anderson's office. Drs. Couey, Cross, Miller, Tillman, Anderson, and Bell present.

Bills were audited and ordered paid. The secretary announced the withdrawal of the application for membership of Dr. H. Robertson. (Note: Through a publication error, Dr. Robertson was reported last month elected to membership.)

The president and secretary were instructed to act as delegates to the general council of the Fresno Community Chest.

In regard to the examination of children entering school for the first time, Miller moved, Tillman seconded, that the board recommend that the society undertake such examinations as requested by the Children's Bureau of the State Board of Health and the Fresno City School Department. Uniform examination blanks were requested. These examinations are to be done in the offices of the family doctors free of charge. Carried.

Drs. Anderson and Cowan were requested to again interview officials of the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation, to see if they are going to take action as promised to discontinue medical aid to families of employees free of charge, and if so when.

A communication from Dr. J. C. Drake of Kerman was read in regard to nurses of the Sun-Maid Raisin Growers practicing medicine and surgery. The president was authorized to appoint a committee, he being chairman, to take this matter up with Mr. Ralph Merritt. Drs. Anderson, C. D. Collins, T. F. Madden, J. D. Morgan, were appointed.

The secretary was instructed to get more data from the

Red Cross nurse about the prescribing of medicines by an alleged doctor at one of the local drug stores.

Several matters of proposed state legislation were discussed.

The regular meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society was held March 3, at the Nurses' Home of the General Hospital. There were thirty-five members and eleven visitors present. Members—Allen, Aller, Anderson, Bell, C. D. Collins, Couey, Craycroft, H. O. Collins, Diedrich, Dahlgren, Dau, Goldberg, Hopkins, Kjaerbye, Lamkin, Larson, Manson, Mathewson, Miller, Mitchell, Hiholland, Madden, Newton, Nider, Pettis, Schottstaedt, Sheldon, Staniford, Stein, Tillman, Vanderburgh, J. R. Walker, Weddle, Wheeler, and Willson. Visitors—Shiels, McClure, Newbecker, Yocum, Tourtillott, and interns from the General Hospital.

The communication was read from Dr. J. C. Drake, and the action of the board of governors in regard to same was approved.

In regard to examination of children entering school for the first time, Madden moved, Tillman seconded, that the recommendation of the board of governors be adopted. Carried.

Dr. Madden, as chairman of the staff of the General Hospital, gave a cordial invitation to members of the profession to attend the monthly staff meetings the second Tuesday of each month.

Staniford moved, Madden seconded, that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the merits of the San Joaquin Valley Health Association, particularly the work of the Nutritional Home. Carried. Cowan, H. O. Collins, and Dau appointed.

J. Wilson Shiels of San Francisco was the speaker of the evening. He presented three interesting cases from his clinic, presenting diagnostic difficulty.

The first patient was one of fifth nerve palsy who first complained greatly of pain in the eyes. Physical examination showed all three branches involved without any other pathology anywhere in the body, except a slight irritation in the spinal fluid and blood gave strong Wassermann reactions. Under treatment he cleared up well. However, the prognosis was poor on account of the paretic gold chloride curve in the spinal fluid. He showed charts of the fifth nerve anatomy to refresh the minds of the audience on same.

The second case was one of aneurism of the anterior cerebral artery with eventual rupture and death. He said that aneurism of cranial vessels was very seldom luetic, but usually due to some other pathology in the walls of such vessels, such as arteriosclerosis, infection, etc. The symptoms in this case were very acute. He pointed out that acute brain conditions are mostly due to tumors of some kind. He showed the pathological specimen removed at necropsy.

The last case showed a very interesting and rare condition of gumma of the mediastinum. This was illustrated by radiographs of the chest during various periods of treatment, and showed the marked improvement by the use of mixed treatment by mouth and mercury rubs, without salvarsan.

A buffet luncheon was served after the meeting.

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ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County Medical Society (reported by D. R. Ball, secretary)—The thirty-seventh annual banquet of the Orange County Medical Association was held at the new Ebell Clubhouse in Santa Ana the evening of January 6. The social program included vocal and instrumental selections, and music by the Santa Ana Symphony Orchestra. On the request of toastmaster, Dr. F. E. Coulter, responses were made by Rowland P. Yeagle, retiring president; Dr. H. D. Newkirk, incoming president; C. D. Ball, J. I. Clark, Mrs. J. P. Brastad, and the Reverend Walter Thornton. The officers for the new year were duly installed.

The February meeting was held at the Orange County Hospital on the 3d. The paper of the evening was read by M. L. Pindell of Santa Ana on the subject, "Some Indications for Roentgen Ray Therapy." A most instructive talk was given, and in conclusion a number of interesting roentgenograms were shown by the author.

The Santa Ana Clinical Society met at Ketner's Cafe

the evening of January 23. An interesting talk was given by Dr. H. H. Lissner of Los Angeles on "Observations on a Recent Trip to Eastern and European Clinics." Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Bessie Stokes Martell; vice-president, Rowland P. Yeagle; secretary-treasurer, W. C. Dubois.

New members since the first of the year include J. Muncey Bulpitt and Zoe N. Bulpitt, formerly members of the Stanislaus County Society; Frank H. Paterson, transfer from the Santa Clara Society; and M. L. Pindell, transfer from the Madison County, Iowa, Society.

The society has recently lost one of its most active members, W. Leland Mitchell, County Health Officer. Dr. Mitchell came here some two years ago from the Rockefeller Foundation as the first full-time health officer in the county. During his stay he handled many difficult situations and established many needed institutions in the health department, including a very efficient laboratory with full-time workers at the County Hospital. He was recalled to New York by the parent organization the first of the year. His place has been taken by V. G. Presson, who has come here from Alabama.

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement (reported by Bert L. Thomas, secretary)—The February meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held at the Hotel Sacramento on the 17th. There were thirty-nine members in attendance. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Presentation of Cases—Schoff presented two patients with a most diffuse head and body distribution of trichophytosis. Both cases were of the licheniform type, and were in youngsters.

Brendel demonstrated two cases to show most satisfactory operative results. The first was of a broken back that came in paralyzed from the waist down. An immediate operation resulted in obtaining excellent function. The second was of a congenital deformity—an exceedingly motile vertebral inter-articulation—causing the patient to assume almost a crouch position. Spinal column bone-splints gave this man a most satisfactory working back.

Gundrum displayed some interesting snapshots of a patient only 18 months old who possessed a 5 cm. thyroid gland which was causing a typical exophthalmic goitre picture.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Charles Schoff. His presentation of interesting skin cases was rendered through lantern slides. Schoff had recently returned from a number of skin clinics in the East, and the plates obtained there, together with those from his own large collection, gave to all present a most delightful skin clinic that could only have been surpassed by the presence of the patients themselves. Fay discussed the possible merits of proper surgery in early keloids. Zimmerman inquired about the types of epitheliomata amenable to surgery and x-ray. Schoff suggested that neither are used in the Skin and Cancer Hospital, but that radium is the only therapeutic agent applied here. Yates discussed a case that had come under his observation. The case was probably an actinic affair, and so would yield probably to mere covering of the parts.

Application for membership was received from Doctor Sanborn, the resident physician at Folsom prison. Dimit applications from Dr. James Thom, formerly of San Francisco, and from Dr. Richard Scribner, formerly of Hammon, were received. Both of these applications had been acted upon by the board of directors, and thus both were declared members of the local society.

The board of directors reported that the annual banquet to be held on March 17 was being taken care of by a committee comprised of Drs. Hale, Jones, Dunlap, Schoff, and Harris. Alanson Weeks of San Francisco will present the paper of the evening. They also reported that Dr. Pottenger of Monrovia will present a paper at the April meeting.

The board appointed Drs. Parkinson and Hall as a committee to revise the by-laws in accordance with those of the state, the secretary of the State Society suggesting those of the San Francisco County as a correct model.

A letter from the state secretary, Dr. Emma W. Pope, was read to the society, calling attention to the optional

medical defense offered by the State Society. Some confusion had arisen, since both the state dues and the fee for the optional defense were the same.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego County Notes (reported by Robert Pollock)—During February the County Society presented two very interesting scientific programs. One, a clinical evening at the San Diego County General Hospital, with a program of unusual excellence furnished by members of the visiting and house staffs. The other meeting, a dinner session at the Cabrillo Restaurant, was addressed by Dr. Clarence G. Toland of Los Angeles, who gave a comprehensive and practical paper on surgery of the upper abdomen. Beginning his talk with a review of the nerve supply to the structures in this area, he constantly kept this before his audience in discussing symptoms and diagnosis. His talk was entertainingly illustrated by Dr. K. S. Davis, roentgenologist of St. Vincent's Hospital, Los Angeles, who showed a large series of x-ray plates illustrating various upper abdominal conditions. Discussion on the paper was opened by H. C. Oatman of San Diego and A. B. Smith, roentgenologist of the Scripps Memorial Hospital, La Jolla, after which the paper enjoyed a rather liberal general discussion by members of the society.

The society has accepted an invitation from Commander Owen of the Hospital Ship Relief to spend the evening of Saturday, March 14, on board ship, at which time an interesting scientific program will be presented by medical officers of the navy.

The recently elected officers of the medical staff of the San Diego County General Hospital are Clarence E. Rees, chairman; Louis Strahlmann, vice-chairman; and C. L. Stealy, secretary.

Things look promising for breaking ground during March for San Diego's first physicians' building, pictures of which, the so-called "Medical Arts Building," show a beautiful ten-story structure, admirably adapted for its purposes—that of housing exclusively physicians, dentists, and their necessary aids. This building will be placed at the corner of Eleventh and C streets, directly in line with the natural growth of the business district, and yet, for the time, slightly beyond the greatest traffic congestion.

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SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

St. Joseph's to Rebuild—Staff to Discuss Medical Economics—March 12 St. Joseph's Hospital staff and patronesses, San Francisco, met at dinner, offered by the Sisters, and advanced the drive for \$500,000 in April for the fire-proof reconstruction of the main buildings. Dr. A. S. Musante, head of the staff, represented the latter, and Mrs. W. T. Cummins was invited as president of the patronesses. Attorney Hugo Newhouse, leader in legal and financial circles, as the general chairman of the campaign committee, was the principal speaker. He spoke of the thirty-six years of service of the Sisters of St. Joseph's, which had always the lowest rates in the city, enabling self-reliant patients to pay their way through the wards for \$17.50 per week. The highest standing in standardization had been received from the American College of Surgeons, and the American Medical Association had endorsed the hospital for intern or fifth year for medical graduates. The school of nursing was accredited by the California State Board of Health. Mr. Newhouse reported upon two meetings held the previous Monday—one a luncheon of bankers and financial men, and the other a dinner of the heads of the different religious fraternities—and another to be held at the Palace Hotel the following Wednesday, composed of 300 of the prominent civic representatives. Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, honorary chairman, made stirring appeals at these gatherings and has entered actively into the drive.

At the crowded staff meeting on "Medical Economics," after the supper Attorney J. F. Denman spoke on "Principles in Handling Patients' Entries." He distributed a page form with single-line entries of charges, receipts, date, name and address of patient and person responsible, service, and remarks, and another for a loose ledger page for posting each patient's financial data. Carelessness in necessary details concerning debtor, proper fees, sending bills, following up "skips" and referring to collector were exemplified. Legal claims against estates must be filed

within four months after death. A simple income tax sheet was also distributed. Doctors were urged to have their accounts attended to by others if they cannot give them the proper attention.

Percy A. Wood of the Wells Fargo Bank discussed "Fundamentals of Investments for Doctors," saying:

"Safety, marketability and rate of interest are the three factors in investments, and it is impossible to find all rank high in any one of them. For example, bonds of the United States Government have the greatest safety and marketability, as they can be sold any time without delay, but the rate of interest is less than a savings bank pays. Doctors cannot study the investment field, as few have the knowledge, time and means to do it right, and an investment banker must be consulted. He recommends after a critical study the use of his organization, expert staff, and financial resources. His feeling of responsibility continues till the bond (principal and interest) is paid. I suggest that you diversify your holdings, i. e., distribute your risks as much as possible so that they will be subject to different principles of fluctuation and the losses of one will be neutralized by the gains of another. Each investment should be a separate risk and independent of the forces influencing the hazard of any other investment you may have."

Irving H. Frank, manager of the hospital bond division of the National Surety Company, presented a paper on "Insurance—the Economics of Misfortune," abstracted as follows:

"Ancient Greeks started insurance by advancing money on ships, which was to be repaid with interest if the voyage was successful. Belgium, in the fourteenth century, had the first insurance with direct charge of premium. Insurances have improved and now, by paying a specified sum to a company, one can be insured against almost every possible loss. Large investments of companies tend towards better living conditions, which aid the individual. The latest form of insurance is the Hospital Bond, which up to the amount of coverage purchased, pays for bed and board, use of operating-room, anesthetic, x-ray and laboratory treatments, medicines, and ambulance in any hospital in the United States and Canada. CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE endorses it as protection for the patient and beneficial to the hospital and physician, as hospital expense is a big item in illness."

C. A. Mariani, manager of the Professional Men's Clerical Bureau, discoursed on "The Doctor as a Better Business Man," summarized below:

"The doctor as a business man is a failure, as attention to his profession makes it impossible for him to attend to his accounts properly. A competent aid is necessary. A doctor should have a plan for getting certain information when with the patient which can be used by his accountant. He must make with every call a record of the name, address, phone, and occupation of person to whom to charge the account; then the patient's name and address, reference and address, and get a copy of the hospital record of patients treated there, the name of a doctor calling him for a consultation or assistance in operation, as well as the history, and record the proper charge at the time of the service. He should make receipts in duplicate for payments and note how patients will pay. Collections must be requested on the same day monthly, and enforced after 120 days."

Drs. I. Gobar, Walter Smith, and H. Deering suggested a black list for dead-beats and prevention of imposition.

Southern Pacific General Hospital (reported by W. T. Cummins, secretary)—The regular monthly clinical meeting was held at the Southern Pacific General Hospital, Huntington Hall, on Wednesday, March 4, at 8:30 p. m.

L. B. Crow presented a paper on "Pulmonary Infarcts," in which he stated that this is a relatively common lung complication, and that it is frequently overlooked by the internist. As a sequel of major operations, it is much more frequently present than has been suspected, for it has been mistaken for pleurisy and pneumonia. Pulmonary congestion caused by any pathological condition favoring a slowing of the blood stream from the right ventricle favors infarction.

It is quite essential to correlate carefully the clinical and roentgen findings in every post-operative lung complication, so that a correct diagnosis may be made. All patients that show any pulmonary congestion following

major operations should be kept in bed and closely watched for a longer period of time than is customary, so as to avoid, if possible, any embolic complications. The paper was illustrated with numerous roentgen pictures, one series showing progressive resolution in an infarct.

J. H. O'Connor gave a roentgen-illustrated talk on "Closed Reduction of Comminuted Fractures." The technique, as applied to fractures of the lower extremity, is as follows:

A plaster cast is applied to the foot a few days before attempted reduction. The foot is well padded with sheet wadding, and over this a layer of thick felt is applied. In the cast there is incorporated part of a muslin bandage, leaving a loop to project from the sole of the foot. Reduction is effected under anesthesia, the pelvis being fixed by a skein of woolen yarn passing around the upper part of thigh of affected side and fixed by a hook in the wall back of the patient. Extension is made by a windlass in the wall at the foot of the patient. The wire from this is hooked to the protruding muslin loop incorporated in the cast so that proper traction may be maintained until the cast is sufficiently hardened. As a matter of safety the cast is then split down the center, for this will maintain the reduction as well as an unsplit one, and pressure sores will then be eliminated.

W. T. Cummins reviewed 274 of the General Hospital autopsies, and illustrated with charts 498 clinical and pathological conditions. A number of interesting cases were cited, such as ruptured aneurysms, dyspituitarism, dextrocardia, pulmonary abscesses, odiococcidioid disease, etc. He emphasized the importance of the intern's position in getting permission for autopsies, and regretted the lamentable apathy of many clinicians towards autopsies. He believes that there should be better co-operation of the clinician and the laboratory and, aside from the subject in hand, that the clinician should know a little more about the details of laboratory technique and preparation therefor, as exemplified in occult blood, examinations of stools and basal metabolism determinations.

Franklin Hospital Clinical Society (reported by Ewald H. Angerman, secretary)—The regular staff meeting of the Franklin Hospital Clinical Society was held March 2 at the hospital, Frank R. Dray presiding.

The paper of the evening was ably presented by William W. Washburn before a large audience. A resume of his talk follows:

This paper covered many of the more practical aspects of goiter surgery. A few minutes were taken during the early part of the reading of the paper to show slides from microscopic sections, illustrating clearly the various types of thyroid disease, giving one a definite pathological classification upon which the paper was based.

While it may be admitted that exophthalmic goiter or Basedow's disease is a self-limiting disease, one cannot predict the degree of toxicity which any given case may exhibit. Statistics based upon mortality rates from any line of treatment do not tell the whole truth, for the morbidity should be seriously considered in cases treated over a long period of time by medical measures.

A type history was read, illustrative of a case of Basedow's disease of moderate severity. The significance of various signs and symptoms were discussed, particularly laboratory data. Emphasis was laid upon the necessity of a careful consideration of these clinical signs and symptoms in weighing the degree of toxicity in a given patient. The basal metabolic rate, particularly when a single reading is taken, should be accepted only in a relative sense. When taken in conjunction with other factors the basal metabolic rate is an index of the intensity of the disease in all types of hyperthyroidism and is of great aid in selecting the best time for operation and the best type of surgical procedure. Exophthalmic goiters run a higher average basal metabolic rate than do toxic adenomas, yet a case of 60 plus may be a better surgical risk than one of exophthalmic goiter with a 30 plus rate, because of the greater likelihood of cardiovascular changes in the former type case. Hyperthyroidism from toxic adenoma should be carefully differentiated from that of Basedow's disease. Exophthalmos and a bruit over the gland is not gotten with adenomas unless there be an associated hyperplasia. All adenomas becoming toxic or giving pressure symptoms should be removed. Adenomas in patients over 40

years of age become malignant in over 2 per cent of cases. The importance of a pre-operative laryngoscopic examination in all adenomatous conditions was emphasized.

The full Kocher collar incision should be used, as it allows an exploration of the entire gland. Lugol's solution, as well as preliminary arterial ligations, is of great aid in preparing exophthalmic goiter patients for operation.

Improvement in method or means of preparing patients for thyroidectomy has resulted in a marked lowering of operative mortality rate.

A large number of lantern slides were shown at the conclusion of the paper.

Discussion by Falconer, Yoell, Bruck, Cook, Newall, Weil, Day, Taylor, and Quinn.

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SAN MATEO COUNTY

San Mateo County Medical Society (reported by Dr. Callaway, secretary)—The regular monthly meeting of the San Mateo County Medical Society was held February 18 at the Community Hospital, in conjunction with the commission of the Community Hospital. This was the first annual meeting of the society with the hospital, and at this meeting a report of the commission was rendered showing the activities of the hospital during the past year. Talks were given by the Rev. Father Ramm on the commission form of government of county hospitals. Dr. W. P. Lucas of the University of California Hospital talked on hospital organization.

San Mateo County is indeed fortunate to have this new and beautifully equipped institution for the care of county patients, as well as full-pay and part-pay patients. The medical society of the county is supporting the institution with their services, and it has been a great means of cementing the society into an active organization.

Since the reorganization of the county society in June of 1923, we have met each month, except one, and at each meeting interesting cases have been presented by members of the society, or interesting talks have been given to us by physicians from San Francisco. It is indeed gratifying to see the interest that is now being shown in the society, and I trust that it will continue.

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Santa Barbara County Medical Society (reported by Alex C. Soper, Jr., secretary)—A joint meeting of the County Medical and Dental Societies was held at the University Club, succeeding a dinner there, at which fifty-two members and guests participated, the occasion being the presence of Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation, and Dr. F. V. Simonton, head of the Dental Research Laboratory at the University of California.

The meeting began at 8:45 p. m., Franklin Nuzum, president of the County Medical Society, in the chair. The following resolution was read by the secretary, and on motion duly passed, with an order that copies be sent to the daily press, the Carnegie Foundation, and the state association:

"WHEREAS, Over a period of years the medical and dental professions have viewed with increasing respect the constructive and progressive activity of the Carnegie Corporation and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and

"WHEREAS, Of the executives concerned in this distinguished service, Dr. Henry S. Pritchett has always been outstanding, be it

"RESOLVED, That the Medical Society and the Dental Society of Santa Barbara County at this joint meeting record herewith their recognition of, and sympathy with, these services, and express to the Carnegie Corporation, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, their respect and appreciation."

Henry C. Bagby, M. D., D. D. S., introduced with some facetious remarks Dr. Simonton, who described at length the research work done at the University Dental Laboratories, with especial reference to pyorrhea and the hope of speedy solution of the problem.

Franklin R. Nuzum introduced Dr. Pritchett, who spoke upon the similar interests of the medical and dental professions

and the advisability of their greater co-operation and unity; compared the care of the diseases of the mouth with the care of those of the eye, nose, throat, etc., as specialties.

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Santa Clara County Society (reported by Alson A. Shufelt, secretary)—The last regular meeting of the year for the Santa Clara County Medical Society was held December 17, 1924. Dudley Fagerstrom, E. L. Cottrell, C. H. Arnold, were elected to membership, and the resignation of C. E. Wintermute was accepted. The election of officers was then taken up, and the following elected for 1925: President, Doxey Wilson; first vice-president, J. B. Bullitt; second vice-president, Jonas Clark; third vice-president, J. H. Kirk; secretary, Alson Shufelt; assistant secretary, E. A. Turco; treasurer, B. E. Lochr. Councilors-at-large: F. S. Ryan, E. P. Cook, A. E. Fillipello. Delegates: J. H. Shepherd, D. A. Beattie. Alternates: C. E. Saunders, G. A. Barry.

The first meeting of 1925 was held January 21 at the Santa Clara County Hospital, with an attendance of forty members. After a short business meeting in which three new applications for membership were presented, and a few minor matters disposed of, the main program of the evening was presented. This was made up of demonstrations of clinical cases by the hospital staff. Clarke Saunders showed a case of a young man who was regaining his vision after total blindness from a luetic keratitis, discussing briefly the treatment and prognosis. Clement Arnold followed with two interesting neurological cases—one a post-influenza encephalitis of the typical Parkinsonian type; the other a spastic paraplegia in a young adult that had been present since birth with accompanying mental deterioration, and in which there was a question of differential diagnosis. Next, a case of lung abscess was discussed by George Gray, and a case of bronchiectasis in which pneumo-thorax had been tried without result, was shown by Louis Boonshaft. A report of the activities of the year at the County Hospital was then read by Dr. Doxey R. Wilson, after which he presented an unusual case of an ovarian tumor. This patient had known of its presence for many years, but had only recently applied for treatment. Eight gallons of fluid had been aspirated within a short time, but the tumor mass still present seemed to weigh more than the patient herself. (This was later proven true.) Henry Dahleen showed a case of ureteral stone with resultant kidney destruction. Demonstration of unusual pathological specimens by Dr. Proeschler concluded the scientific part of the meeting. Refreshments were then served, and the meeting adjourned. It was an excellent program, and members not present really missed an opportunity.

The regular February meeting of the Santa Clara County Medical Society was held at the Commercial Club rooms on February 18, it being the annual dinner meeting. Over fifty members were present to enjoy an excellent dinner and a good program. Scientific subjects were more or less banned for the evening, and the time spent in friendly discussions and in a renewal of old relationships. It was pleasing to see several members from towns other than San Jose, and we only regret that there might not have been more. The speaker of the evening, J. Wilson Shiels of San Francisco, was presented by Doxey R. Wilson, and in his inimitable way delighted his audience with his humor, and with his reminiscences of the old-time practitioner and the "good old family doctor," whose passing he deeply regretted.

Before the meeting adjourned, it was entertained by a half-hour of magic by a deaf and dumb artist of rare talent.

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SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma County Medical Society (reported by G. A. Hunt, secretary)—The Sonoma County Medical Society met in Santa Rosa, March 12. Twenty-five members were present.

Samuel H. Hurwitz of San Francisco gave an excellent address on "The Treatment of Asthma."

A myxedema patient was presented by Doctors Cline and Bonar of Santa Rosa.

The establishment of a professional credit bureau in

connection with the Luce Adjustment Agency of Santa Rosa was discussed and voted on. The majority decided in favor of a credit bureau. From this bureau the professional credit standing of many patients that apply for treatment can be obtained.

VENTURA COUNTY

Ventura County Medical Society (reported by C. F. Schultz, secretary)—At a meeting of the County Medical Society on January 19 the annual election took place. The 1924 officers were elected for another year; also the delegates and alternates to the state meeting.

Santa Paula's members had been present at all of the 1924 meetings, namely, Blaisdell, Merrill, and Schultz, and only one other member had a clean record, Bianchi of Ventura.

At the February meeting at Ventura, Verne Mason of Los Angeles presented a paper on abdominal tumors which proved very interesting.

The society anticipates a renewed interest in its meetings and programs for this year. The next meeting will be held at the Ventura Country Club on March 3.

YOLO COUNTY

Yolo County Medical Society (reported by John D. Lawson, secretary)—A meeting of the Yolo County Medical Society was held on March 3 at the Woodland Clinic building. There were present, T. C. Cooper, W. E. Bates, W. J. Blevins, C. H. Fairchild, F. R. Fairchild, J. E. Harbinson, E. E. Larson, H. D. Lawhead, W. J. Spencer, L. P. Bell, J. D. Lawson. Visitors—H. M. Elberg, D. D. S., Shaffer, D. D. S., Pertins, D. D. S., and twenty members of the professional staff of Woodland Clinic.

E. Eric Larson of the Woodland Clinic spoke on "Ethylene Anesthesia"; L. P. Bell on "Regional Anesthesia"; and H. M. Elberg, D. D. S., on "Conduction Anesthesia."

E. Eric Larson of the Woodland Clinic surgical staff, a graduate of Rush Medical College, 1920, and Walter J. Spencer were elected to membership.

Walter J. Spencer has been added to the staff of the Woodland Clinic, assuming the chair of Pediatrics. Doctor Spencer is a graduate of Rush Medical College, 1916. He served in the navy during the war, since which time he has extensively studied children's diseases in various American clinics.

Since the last report the Woodland Clinic has had two talks open to the public at their regular monthly educational meetings. In January, L. P. Bell presented "Goiter" in a popular way. In February, E. Eric Larson gave a talk on "Indigestion." In March, W. J. Spencer spoke on "Preventable Diseases of Childhood." All of these presentations are made in lay language and are purely educational. The chief purpose is to instill into the minds of the layman the necessity of treatment by competent physicians and the utter lack of competence of the various "pathies."

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members—Robert K. Cutter, Eugene S. Maxson, Berkeley; Fred Ewing, H. O. Ellis, Szabo Kalman, John A. Dougherty, Charles E. Marquis, Oakland; Donald V. Burke, John J. Lalor Doyle, Chico; C. B. Cowan, Selma; Roland W. Dahlgren, Neil J. Dau, Gerald K. Nider, Fresno; C. S. Ambrose, F. L. Courley, John R. Brown, Herman Lando, Joseph N. Kolisch, Benjamin F. Hoyt, B. G. DuPre, Cecil Sutherland, W. Q. Harper, Fred Lindenberg, A. M. Hansen, Conrad I. Hubert, John Frederick Clark, Carl C. Cowin, Lars A. Dahl, John H. Hooval, Raymond W. Huntsberger, Wilma H. Jacobs, Mary L. Neff, Frances I. Richman, Ernest H. Ruediger, A. A. McClurkin, Los Angeles; George Wells, Bell; Guy L. Bliss, Long Beach; Fred L. Horton, Pomona; John L. Steffy, Santa Monica; Dean M. Walker, Sherman; George I. Dawson, Napa; J. Hudson Sale, Ernest K. Stratton, Sigurd von Christierson, F. H. Redewill, Dorothy W. Atkinson, Elizabeth A. Davis, Curtis E. Smith, Henry L. Wagner, San Francisco; H. L. Mawdsley, Frank Gehrels, San Mateo; William H. Murphy, Redwood City; Joseph D. Lewis, Santa Barbara; E. H. Eiskamp, Watsonville.

Transferred—Norman C. Paine, from Tulare County

to Los Angeles County; Horace A. Hall, from Riverside County to Los Angeles County; Frederick P. Shafer, from San Francisco County to Siskiyou County; Gwendolyn Stewart, from San Francisco County to Los Angeles County.

Resigned—Joseph Fife, Victor Randolph, Anna K. Davenport, San Francisco; Henry D. Rinehart, Herbert C. Jones, Pasadena; Robert E. Merritt, Leon W. Mansur, Frances C. Turley, Los Angeles; Robert C. Nichols, Ontario.

Retired—George Adam, San Francisco.

Honorary Members—A. Liliencrantz, Oakland; R. C. Shawhan, Soldiers' Home, Sawtelle; J. H. Utley, James S. Calder, Los Angeles; George B. Kalb, Monrovia.

Deaths—Cook, Francis Steven. Died at Hollywood, February 28, 1925, age 60. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, 1887. Licensed in California in 1888. Doctor Cook was a member of the Contra Costa County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Eddy, George Sigel. Died at Los Angeles, March 8, 1925, age 63. Graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, 1896. Licensed in California in 1897. Doctor Eddy was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Gourley, Frederick Lantz. Died at Los Angeles February 10, 1925, age 48. Graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, 1903. Licensed in California in 1920. Doctor Gourley was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Mitchell, William Leland. Died at Santa Ana, February, 1925. Graduate of the Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, Mo., 1918. Licensed in California in 1923. Doctor Mitchell was a member of the Orange County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

The Price—Winning a prize from life is like gathering a crop from the garden. Unless we dig deep, putting our backs into the job, unless we feed the soil, and sow and water, weed and cultivate, rise early and stay out late to guard what we planted, unless we ache with the labor of its growing, we never harvest the crop of our dreams. We have not paid in full.—Angelo Patri.

STIMULANTS, DEPRESSANTS, HUMOR

"I do appreciate very much your interest in my article. This labor on your part must be the cause of the excellence of your journal. In changing the paper along the lines of your suggestion, I have also shortened it several pages."—Los Angeles.

In Three Generations

Teacher—Jimmie, define and give an example of heredity.

Jimmie—It means that—that—that if your grandfather didn't have no children your father wouldn't have none neither—and neither would you.

Jakie—Ikey, you should put the curtains down when you kiss your wife; I saw you last night.

Ikey—The chokes on you, Jackie; I wasn't home last night.

There Are Pioneers, Plodders, and Parasites

Pioneers make the venture and the conquest. Plodders consolidate and hold what has been gained. Parasites follow to live off others' labors. Each fulfills a purpose, even the parasite. He is pretty low down in the scale, like the maggot, but his presence is an advertisement that something exists on which he can live. It is likewise a warning that "something," whatever it may be, should be eliminated.

Now that the glands are the fashion as a panacea for every ill or want, why not give the sweat glands a good tryout and see what happens?—San Diego Union.